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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF MIDWEST INFORMATION SYSTEMS. INC. TO ARVIG ENTERPRISES, INC.

## **WC Docket No. 05-172**

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the application of Midwest Information Systems, Inc. ("MIS"), its wholly owned subsidiaries Midwest Telephone Co. and The Peoples Telephone Co. of Bigfork ("Peoples"), Midwest Telephone Co.'s wholly owned subsidiary Osakis Telephone Company ("Osakis"), and MIS' parent Varistar Corporation (collectively "Midwest"), and Arvig Enterprises, Inc. ("Arvig" or "Transferee") (collectively the "Applicants") to transfer control of Midwest to Arvig.<sup>1</sup> commenters opposed grant of the application.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfer will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, and therefore grants the requested authorization. Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the release of the Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

See Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for Transfer of Control of Midwest Information Systems, Inc. to Arvig Enterprises, Inc., WC Docket No. 05-172, DA 05-1287 (rel. May 4, 2005).

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